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Scientific Progress

Using the video eye tracker, we have collected data during camouflage-breaking, as well as learning to break camouflage (or camouflage learning). We have characterized the various properties of eye movements during each of properties of each of these tasks. A particularly notable discovery is that the a type of gaze-steadying eye movements called microsaccades become more frequent during camouflage learning, but becomes less frequent after the task is learned (i.e., after the task performance reaches its asymptotic phase.) Thus, the frequency of occurrence of microsaccades roughly follows a inverted 'V' pattern during camouflage learning. We have also found that this pattern of change occurs in other forms of perceptual learning involving visual search, such as training to diagnose anomalies in screening mammograms.

Technology Transfer

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